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Happy birthday, Elkica!

Happy
Birthday,
Makai
Kun!

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THERE'S NO WAY I'LL RUN OFF WITHOUT PAYING!
WAH!
I HAVE NO INTENTION ON MAKING YOU ANGRY RAIJIN-SAMA.
SHOUT
THEN PAY UP ALREADY!
AS A YAKUZA, PEOPLE CALL ME "RAIJIN."
TO ME IT'S A JOKE

*THUNDER GOD

FLASH
SEEZ HE'S GIVING ME EXTRA WORK..
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
DAMN A STORM IS COMING?
THAT DAMN THUNDER
FLASH
POUR POUR
YOU ALWAYS DO NOTHING BUT CAUSE TROUBLE
THAT DAY WHEN I WAS YOUNG,
A BOLT OF LIGHTNING TOOK AWAY MY PRECIOUS THING
AMNESIA
ON TOP OF THAT WE WERE TOYED WITH BY THE WORLD AND OUR CLAN SCATTERED

HEY..
WHERE ARE YOU RIGHT NOW?
POLR
WE FOUND HIM!
WAKA.. BOSS! WE'VE GOT AN URGENT MESSAGE
HE'S AT A STORE CALLED "KEISHOUROU" IN THE RED-LIGHT DISTRICT
HE'S A KEISEI
TOP RANKED COURTESAN

~ Dawn of the Arcana ~ Shizuka Hen
Kaminari

...IN HIS MEMORY
...WITHOUT SINGLE TRACE OF ME.
I'VE FINALLY FOUND...
...THE PERSON I LOVED.
BUT HE HAS BECOME A KEISEI WHO WILL WHISPER WOODS OF LOVE INTO ANYONE'S EAR....
YOU..
...NEVER CROSS THAT BORDER LINE OF THE TATAMI TAKAAKIRA-SAMA.

HE IS AS PRETTY AS BEFORE
NO ACTUALLY HE'S BECOME EVEN MORE BEAUTIFUL.
I'M WORRIED ABOUT WHETHER YOU'RE REALLY BEING SATISFIED BY THIS
YOU DON'T EVEN LET ME POUR YOU SAKE WE ALWAYSJUST SIT LIKE THIS AND TALK
BUT YOU REALLY DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING ABOUT ME?
"NO MATTER HOW MUCH MONEY YOU OFFER ME, I CAN'T GIVE YOU SHIZUKA."

"BUT WHAT IF SHIZUKA DOESN'T WANT THAT?"
"IT'S TRUE THAT, SINCE YOU KNOW ABOUT SHIZUKA'S PAST, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP HIM REMEMBER."
"AFTER LOSING HIS MEMORIES AND ALL THOSE YEARS, THE LIFE HE HAS HERE IS EVERYTHING TO HIM."
"HE'S SCARED OF LOSING EVERYTHING ONCE HIS MEMORY RETURNS."
"THAT'S WHY HE AVOIDS MAKING ENEMIES AND IS NICE TO EVERYONE. THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW WHO TRIED TO PAY FOR HIS FREEDOM, YET HE REFUSED THEM ALL, ALL BECAUSE HE'S SCARED OF THE UNKNOWN OUTSIDE."
"THAT'S WHY I WILL ONLY LET YOU HAVE HIM
ON ONE CONDITION."

"ERASE THAT FEAR FROM HIM."
THAT'S WHAT I'M PLANNING TO DO!
I'LL HELP HIM GET HIS MEMORY BACK WITHOUT HURTING HIM, AND THEN MAKE HIM FALL IN LOVE WITH ME!
THEN EVERYTHING WILL BE OKAY, RIGHT?!
IT'S HARD TO REGAIN THAT WHICH IS LOST
AH..
TAKAA-KIRA-SAMA?

OH I WAS DISTRACTED BY YOUR CHARM
IT WON'T BE EASY AT ALL
YOU'RE THE NUMBER ONE FROM KEISHOUROU, SO I GUESS THAT'S TO BE EXPECTED
ALTHOUGH I REALLY WANT TO TOUCH HIM AND WHISPER IN HIS EAR
THIS IS THE RED-LIGHT DISTRICT, A PLACE WHERE LOVE IS FOR SALE.
I'VE MADE A PROMISE NOT TO SCARE HIM OFF, BY FORCING HIM TO REMEMBER THE PAST
HEHE, YOU'RE SO GOOD WITH FLATTERY, TAKAAKIRA-SAMA

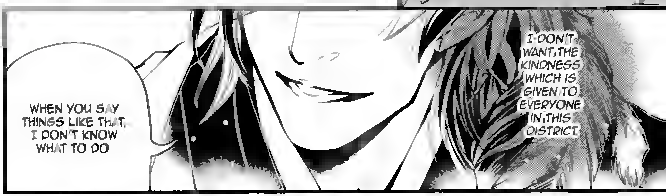
AND ACT LIKE A GENTLEMAN
I'LL HIDE MY SHORT TEMPER AND VIOLENT NATURE
IF I KEEP SEEING HIM, I'M SURE I'LL FIND PIECES TO HIS MEMORIES
PLEASE ALLOW ME TO DANCE FOR YOU
OH, THEN HOW ABOUT A SONG?
LET'S SEE WHAT ABOUT A SONG YOU LEARNED WHEN YOU WERE YOUNG?

IT WOULD BE NICE IF I COULD SING ONE
...
BUT I'M SORRY I DON'T HAVE ANY MEMORIES OF MY CHILDHOOD.
OH, I SEE. THEN HOW ABOUT WE SING A SONG FROM MINE?
OKAY, I'LL LEARN IT AS YOU TEACH ME
WHAT SHOULD I DO IN ORDER TO UNLOCK THAT DOOR?

THERE WAS A MOMENT WHEN YOU LOOK DEPRESSED TODAY
YET YOU NEVER COMPLAIN-ED.
I FEEL VERY SORRY THAT I WASN'T ABLE TO BRIGHTEN YOUR DAY
TAKAAKIRA-SAMA
TODAY WAS STILL FUN
smile
IT'S A SONG YOU ALREADY KNOW...
AND YOU TAUGHT ME A SONG, TOO THANK YOU VERY MUCH
SO AT LEAST LET ME GIVE YOU THIS...
...AS A SIGN OF MY GRATITUDE FOR TEACH-ING ME...
THIS IS...!

DO YOU LIKE IT?
SHIRUSE-SAMA...
YOU MADE THIS? YOU HAVE REALLY SKILLFUL HANDS
I MADE IT WITH THE IMAGE OF YOU IN MIND. I THOUGHT NOTHING ELSE WOULD SUIT YOU BETTER THAN THIS.
IT'S SO NICE THAT I FEEL THAT IT'S WASTED ON ME
IT SUITS YOU VERY WELL. IT'S SO GORGEOUS
AS IF A "NOBLE-SAMA" HAS COME TO LIFE FROM A PAINTING
"IT WAS WELL PRESERVED SO I MADE IT INTO AN ACCESSORY. PLEASE ACCEPT IT."
"YUP, IT SUITS YOU VERY WELL, LIKE A WARRIOR!"

AS EXPECTED, YOU WON'T TOUCH ME AT ALL.
AM I... NOT TO YOUR LIKING?
AH..
...
THEY SAY DIFFERENT THINGS, TOO.
GEEZ I'M THE ONE BEING REMINDED OF THE PAST INSTEAD.



*FLOWER LANTERN LIGHT FESTIVAL, USUALLY HELD IN KYOTO IN MARCH.

AH... TAKAAKIRA-SAMA! NEXT WEEK IS THE HANATOURO MATSURI!*
WHEN I COME AGAIN NEXT TIME, I'LL BRING YOU SOME CANDIES IN RETURN FOR TODAY'S PRESENT.

PLEASE COME JOIN US IT'S THE MOST BEAUTIFUL DAY OF THE YEAR
THERE WILL BE LOTS OF DECORATIONS AND I'M SURE YOU'LL HAVE FUN
THANK YOU I'LL WILL
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS BOSS?
THEY WILL THINK YOU'RE A CLUMSY ONE WHO DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO HAVE FUN
IT'S FINE
GRAB
IF I TOUCH HIM,

chatter
chatter
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN NEXT.
We have delicious yakitori! Come on in!
Today our store is all you can eat for free!
Would you like some famous flower fragrance bath salts?
AH... FIREFLIES!
glide

close
Wah!
YOU GATHER THEM. LIKE THIS
IT'S MY FIRST TIME SEEING THIS!
THIS IS FOR YOU
ARE YOU SURE?
WOW IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL
BUT I GUESS IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO TRIGGER HIS MEMORIES
I TRIED TO SHOW HIM THE GAME WE USED TO PLAY.
TSK!

NOTHING.
I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE HAVING FUN.
?
WHAT IS IT?
IS IT BECAUSE I... DON'T HAVE ANY MEMORIES?
USH
WHAT CAN I DO IN ORDER TO MAKE YOU HAPPY?
宝
!
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE HERE TO-GETHER,
AS USUAL, YOU'RE JUST BEING REALLY KIND AND WON'T TOUCH ME AT ALL.
I DID BUT..
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? DIDN'T YOU GIVE ME A HANDMADE PRESENT?

I DIDN'T COME HERE TO MAKE YOU SAD
TSK!
THEN I'LL BECOME SOMEONE I DON'T KNOW..
...SCARED... OF REMEMBERING ANYTHING
BECAUSE I'M SURE THE PERSON I'VE BECOME RIGHT NOW WILL DISAPPEAR IF I DO
I'M...
IF I GET CARRIED AWAY IN THE MOMENT AND DO SOMETHING OUT OF LINE, I'LL HEAR IT FROM THE OWNER
THAT'S..

IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO LOOK SO SAD
MAYBE YOU GOT OVER-WHELMED BY THE CROWD?
OH, CAN YOU SEE THAT SMALL ISLAND OVER THERE IN THE CENTER OF THE POND?
IT SEEMS LIKE A QUIET PLACE
DON'T YOU FIND IT EXCITING?
MAYBE THERE'S SOME-THING HIDDEN THERE
HEHE.. WHAT AN INTERESTING THING TO SAY
BUT HOW DO WE GET ACROSS?
BY WALKING ONLY IN THE SHALLOWS
WHAAAT?
STEP

WE'LL CROSS WITH RACE FEET THEN WASH BEFORE WE LAND ON THE OTHER SIDE THAT WAY OUR FEET WON'T GET DIRTY
Ah....
SHOCK
Splash
STEP
TH-THAT'S NOT.. I'LL DO IT..
BUT I GUESS THAT'S NOT SOMETHING I SHOULD ASK A KEISEI TO DO
BANG
AH HOW BEAUTIFUL.
I'M SORRY... I GUESS IT REALLY IS TOO HARD FOR YOU..
BANG

SHOCK
Ah!
shiver
Ah!
SHOCK
Ah!
Ah!
Ah!
Haa...
FIREWORKS I SEE
THUNDER!
HIS BODY REMEMBERS SOMETHING. I'M SURE OF IT!

I'M NOTHING BUT A BULLY!
TSK!
BUT THESE ARE JUST FIREWORKS,
IT'S NOT THUNDER
Uh...
GRAB
splash

TAKAA-KIRA... SAMA.
THE FIRE-WORKS ARE OVER
SWF
SWF
DID YOU.. COVER MY EARS THE WHOLE TIME?
OH NO...
I DIDN'T MEAN TO TOUCH HIM, BUT I..
YOU'RE ALL RIGHT? THE NOISE IS GONE
I WAS SHOCKED, TOO
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT I DID HEAR THERE WOULD BE FIRE-WORKS
I SHOULD HAVE PAID MORE ATTENTION
PLEASE ACCEPT IT
PLEASE DON'T BE ANGRY AS AN APOLOGY HERE
PRESENT
TAKAA-KIRA.. SAMA..

Hug
smile
YOU FINALLY TOUCHED ME. I'M REALLY HAPPY
SHIZUKA...

I LOVE YOU—
I LOVE YOU
WHERE ARE YOU, MY SHIZUKA?
AAH
YOU SHOULDN'T DO THIS—
I'M JUST AN ORDINARY PERSON.
NO. YOU'RE NO ORDINARY PERSON. YOU ARE SOMEONE REALLY SPECIAL

THE REASON YOU HAVE SUCH A SAD LOOK ON YOUR FACE
AFTER WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE FIREWORKS
I THINK I MIGHT NOW UNDERSTAND WHY THAT IS
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE SO CLOSE,
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE WITH ME
AS EXPECTED FROM A KEISEI-DONO YOU'RE GOOD WITH FLATTERY
YOU'VE ALWAYS LOOKED AT ME WITH THIS LOOK IN YOUR EYES LIKE YOU WERE SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING
THAT FEELING IS STRONGER WITH YOU THAN WITH ANYONE ELSE I'VE MET

YOU DON'T LOOK AT ME AT ALL.
INSTEAD YOU LOOK AT SOMEONE INSIDE ME SOMEONE I WAS IN THE PAST
I
YOU KNOW ABOUT MY PAST DON'T YOU?
!

IS THIS TAINTED BODY
NO LONGER DESERVING OF YOUR LOVE?
Y
YOU...
AH- I'M SORRY I SPOKE WITHOUT THINKING

!
WAIT..
YOU CAN'T..
GRAB
THOSE WEREN'T MY WORDS
DON'T BE MISTAKEN..

Ah!
IT'S OKAY
YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY ANY-THING MORE
...
rustle
EVEN IF YOU ASK ME TO STOP I CAN'T

HAA...
HAA...
HAA...
TAKAA-KIRA-SAMA...
TAKAA-KIRA-SAMA
SHIZUKA...

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